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Tickets Still Available to CFF Awards Dinner

It's not too late to be part of the Classroom of the Future's 10th anniversary awards dinner at Biogen Idec. It promises to be a special evening saluting "A Decade of Successful Innovation."

Each year CFF showcases forward-thinking uses of technology that inspire, are innovative, galvanize student achievement, and generate a significant impact in classrooms and in our students' lives.

This year's event will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2007 at Biogen Idec (4200 Research Place, San Diego, CA 92122).



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Ticket Prices

You can purchase tickets online via www.classroomofthefuture.org or by calling (858) 292-3869:

Educators: \$50 (general reception, dinner, awards program)

Business Package: \$200 (general reception, dinner, awards program)

VIP Package: \$500 (VIP reception, dinner, awards program)

Team Package: \$1,500 (10 tickets to general reception, dinner, awards program)

2007 Innovations in Education Awards Program Schedule

3:30 Biotechnology Seminars (Info below)

5:00 Reception

6:30 Dinner

7:15 Awards Presentation

You Can Participate In Unique Seminars Before Reception, Dinner, Awards!

Thanks to our title sponsor, Biogen Idec is offering a unique opportunity to experience the exciting world of biotechnology. Awards dinner ticket prices include one of three optional seminars (each beginning at 3:30 p.m. prior to the reception and dinner). They include:

- ❖ Learning about the body's immune system and how science creates antibodies
- ❖ What's making San Diego a world leader in biotechnology
- ❖ Hands-on biotechnology DNA testing and exploration technologies

"Not only are we committed to courageous innovation, we are dedicated to sharing with those we serve," says Biogen Idec's Annie Glidden. "We're especially proud of our relationship with the Classroom of the Future Foundation."

Biogen Idec is well known for its community lab which is open to teachers and middle/high school students. Programs are available at no cost.

The biotechnology leader also has been honored by *BusinessWeek* magazine as one of biotechnology's most generous supporter of corporate, community, and education initiatives.

Biogen Idec is a world leader in developing innovative therapies in oncology, neurology and immunology. The company is dedicated to the creation of new standards of care.

12 Students to Receive Scholarships at Awards Dinner

Thanks to a \$15,000 contribution from the Jack in the Box Foundation and \$10,000 from title sponsor Biogen Idec, 12 local students will receive a \$2,000 scholarship for their college education on May 24.

These are remarkable – even inspirational – High Tech Scholars who deserve our support. This year's winners are:

- ❖ Sean Allen, Clairemont HS
- ❖ Jacqueline Alva, Ramona HS
- ❖ Melissa Beckles, Oceanside HS
- ❖ Yolanda de la Torre, Grossmont HS
- ❖ Daniel Guerrero, La Jolla HS
- ❖ Mahomud Haye, Montgomery HS
- ❖ Jose Hernandez, El Cajon Valley HS
- ❖ Silvia Hernandez, Mar Vista HS
- ❖ Adrian Lopez, Sweetwater HS
- ❖ Kristine Rodda, Patrick Henry HS
- ❖ Nancy Valtierra, Borrego Springs HS
- ❖ Shanelle Watkins, Point Loma HS

Inspire, Innovate, Achieve, Impact Awards to be Announced

CFF received 31 nominations of dynamic and creative uses of technology in the classroom this year.


Especially noteworthy was that 12 nominations were for programs that are district-wide. Not only are educators embracing innovative users of technology, school and district administrators are doing the same for our students' benefit.

The reviewing panel was so impressed that for the first time "honorable mentions" in the inspire, innovate and achieve categories were designated.

"The breadth and depth of the nominations – reflecting the enormous potential of these programs – was overwhelming," notes CFF Executive Director Bruce Braciszewski.

"Attendees at the Awards Dinner will be amazed at programs that incorporate such diverse tools as digital video, online learning and different types of visual literacy techniques," adds Braciszewski.

Thanks, Diamond Sponsors!

 The Classroom of the Future Foundation salutes four supporters who helped make the Diamond Anniversary of the CFF extra special. All four have been especially supportive over the years, to the benefit of our students. They are:



San Diego Business Support of CFF Broadens

More San Diego businesses than ever are stepping forward to support CFF's drive to improve our schools and our students' future. A broad cross-section of San Diego business leaders are part of this year's 2007 Innovations in Education Awards. They include:

Title Sponsor: Biogen Idec.

Visionary Sponsors:

The San Diego Union-Tribune, Sony, Mission Federal Credit Union, Time Warner Cable, Cox Communications, SDG&E and SAIC.

Graduate Sponsors: The Gutschow Family Foundation, General Atomics and Sprint

Scholar Sponsors: PacifiCare, National University, Hewlett Packard, Intel, Vantage Learning, HMC Architects, Barnhart, Inc., Cubic, Apple, The Burnham Foundation, Best Best & Krieger, Promethean, Blackboard, and NTD Stichler

e-Pad Catching State Educators' Attention

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell is impressed with the wireless computer-learning program CFF has helped put together with the Lemon Grove School District.

On several occasions he has cited the CFF program's preliminary data as a stellar example of how creative technology can be applied in classrooms and students' homes.

The district totally revamped their instruction schedule based upon having e-Pad devices for each student in their two middle schools. 1,370 students are now doing their work on wireless, portable computers and sending it to the district's servers for retrieval by the teachers.

The pilot program, One-to-One @ Home and School, was established in 2003 and recognized with an Innovation in Education award in 2004. Both student attendance and academic achievement have improved in the meantime.

Now the Lemon Grove School District is sharing its technology with other districts interested adopting this innovative approach to linking the classroom with the living room.